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TO : Director of Training

DATE: 21 April 1960

FROM : Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #16

## 1. Instructor Handbooks

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[redacted] Training has expressed interest in [redacted] proposed tradecraft instructor handbooks and the draft volumes now in PPS' possession have been loaned to [redacted]

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## 2. Task Force Training

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PPS joined with XO/TR and C/OS in making arrangements for [redacted] Logistics, and [redacted] to visit [redacted] on 18 April 1960 to initiate logistical and training support required [redacted] for the task force familiarization training program. A key requirement is some \$6,800 worth of tents and camouflage nets which [redacted] hopes to borrow from Ft. Eustis...the price of realism.

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## 3. Language Training for Special Forces

CA/PMD has received a request from General Erskine's office, via [redacted] for assistance in obtaining language instructors in Laotian, Vietnamese, and Spanish for the Army Special Forces. [redacted] has received clearance from [redacted] to obtain more details directly from [redacted] at Fort Bragg. [redacted] is meanwhile looking into the availability of instructors.

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## 4. Distribution of Book Dispatches

[redacted] SSA-DD/S, informed PPS on 19 April 1960 that it probably will be possible to arrange for automatic distribution to OTR of routine, instructional or regulatory-type DD/P book dispatches. He will look further into the matter. Special, one-shot type book dispatches containing specific operational guidances, notification of VIP travellers, etc. probably will not be made available. While some of

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the narrowly-distributed book dispatches and memoranda may be of direct interest to OTR, we will have to depend on the originator to specify distribution to OTR, and this may take encouragement by the DTR at a DD/P staff meeting. PPS is keeping [ ] apprised of developments.

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#### 5. OTR Bulletin

The Registrar, OTR, has cited to PPS the restrictions on Operations School courses and related DD/P material in the OTR Bulletin. A glance at Bulletin number 52 for March-April 1960 confirms that there is very little in it, other than area/language information, of real, specific interest to the Clandestine Services. This is in the face of the fact that the Clandestine Services represent our major "customer"! Despite the efforts of the DD/P Training Officer and the component training officers, recent PPS conversations with Clandestine Services officers reveal a considerable lack of information about OTR and OTR courses but no lack of interest in training. PPS strongly endorses Registrar's suggestion that we publish a special, periodic Bulletin for the Clandestine Services, with any further distribution controlled by the DD/P Training Officer. Rather than introduce a completely separate additional publication, it is further suggested that a Clandestine Services training supplement be appended to the regular number, just as the Intelligence Digest is produced in two sections. In this case, the sensitive section would be the attached part, and distribution of the double issue effected through DD/P channels.

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#### 6. Language Tests

Letters have gone out to Messrs. [ ]

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[ ] specifying quotas for persons whose language proficiency has not yet been tested and who can be accommodated in the regular tests scheduled between now and 30 June. The addressees were invited to direct persons in their components who claim proficiency at the intermediate or higher levels to be tested. It was also stated that after 1 July an accelerated test schedule would be conducted and much larger quotas would be assigned for persons whose testing is to be scheduled.

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#### 7. Mid-Career Course

A preliminary draft of the Mid-Career Course has been completed and forwarded to DTR for comment.

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## 8. Coordination of Training Activities

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